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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 21, 2007, Applicants transmit herewith amendments to the claims and a group election pursuant to the standing restriction requirement. Applicants request entry of the amendments and consideration of the accompanying remarks. Applicants also request a five-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) extending the time for response until May 21, 2008. The application as amended contains 24 total claims, including 7 independent claims. The application was

originally filed with 27 total claims including 1 independent claim. Applicants hereby authorize the Commissioner to charge the extension fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(5) of \$1,115.00, and to charge the excess claim fee set forth under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16(h) of \$420.00 for a small entity to the Deposit Account No. 10-0435 of Barnes & Thornburg LLP, with reference to attorney docket 42133-200847. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 10-0435 with reference to attorney docket 42133-200847.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page **3** of this Response.

Remarks begin on page **8** of this Response.